



NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st March 2019

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

We were absolutely delighted that BBC Northwest Tonight chose to film their segment on Modern Foreign Languages from LDA this week. The BBC visited school because significantly more pupils here study Modern Foreign Language than in comparison to schools nationally. The footage was absolutely excellent, with our pupils looking immaculate as always, our Head of Languages Mrs Holme speaking passionately about the benefits of learning a language and our Year 9s flourishing in their Spanish lesson. It was certainly another proud moment for our school, The Dean Trust and for Knowsley. Well done to everyone involved.



Miss Gowan
Headteacher

Today is of course St David's Day and it is also Year 7 National Offer Day. I would like to say an official welcome to all the Parents/Carers of Year 6 pupils who have been allocated a place at LDA for September. We are already looking forward to working alongside you in partnership and to welcoming your child into our school community. With best wishes for the weekend.

Yours sincerely

V. Gowan

V Gowan, Headteacher

WINNERS 11th February – 15th February 2019

Attendance – **Curie**, Behaviour – **Curie & Curie**, House points – **Einstein**, Punctuality – **Einstein**



COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN CLUB

A new club is starting in Technology every Tuesday 3-4pm in the hub with Mrs Ferns and Mr Blake. Pupils will be able to learn how to use 2D Design when designing profiles for laser-cutting or engraving. Within 2D Design is a vast array of image manipulation, pattern design, vectorising, font design and alignment tools (to name just a few) that make it the ideal platform for graphic design where the results could be for sublimation-printed fabrics, packaging graphics, display and presentation.

The club will be open to pupils in KS3 and 4. Pupils that attend regularly and produce high quality work may also be able to enter the TechSoft 2D Design Competition 2019.

During **British Science week** lots interesting things will be going on in the Science department:

The University of Manchester will run an Olympic Doping workshop on how to catch the cheats!

Jodrell Bank will run sessions on 'The Invisible Universe' to some Year 9 & 10 pupils.

Fun science workshops after school for anyone to drop into.

A group of Year 7s will go on a 'Science Extravaganza' to University of Manchester.

Our Farm Urban Produce Pod will be up and running so pupils can come and see aquaponics in action.

There will be house competitions running every lunchtime in the Science department. We will need pupils from each house in each year group to compete to win points for your house.

Finally, the week after British Science Week, we have a **FLASH BANG SHOW** for our Year 7 & 8 pupils to enjoy.

CAREERS

On Friday 15th of February, a group of Year 10 pupils enjoyed an informative and inspirational careers visit to Alder Hey Children's Hospital.

The programme has been designed to raise aspirations and give advice and guidance to pupils who are interested in a career within the NHS. Pupils had the fantastic opportunity to chat with professionals in Radiology and Sonography, Optical Services, Physiotherapy, Orthotics, Occupational Therapies, Critical Care, Play Therapy Pharmacy, Patient Forum, Resuscitation and Basic Life Support.

Our pupils were a credit to Lord Derby Academy throughout and their enthusiasm and commitment was commended by hospital staff throughout the day. It was an absolute pleasure to share this experience with the Year 10 pupils - well done!



History

Year 7 pupils have been learning about the murder of Thomas Becket during the medieval period of English history. The murder was motivated by conflict between the King and the Archbishop of Canterbury. Archbishop Thomas Becket was attacked by four knights who thought they were acting on the orders of the King



A monk named Edward Grim attempted to protect Becket but the Archbishop was brutally murdered by the four knights.



Below are some of the reasons given for the murder by a selection of Year 7 pupils:

Thomas Becket was killed because the king thought he could trust him but then Becket betrayed him. (James Colquhoun)

I think Thomas Becket was murdered because he refused to follow King Henry II's ideas about the Church. (Millie Finnen)

Henry wanted full control of the Church but Thomas Becket refused to follow the King's orders and did things his way. (Jasmine Jouini)

Becket was killed because the King said, "Who will rid me of this troublesome priest". Four knights overheard the King, barged into the cathedral and murdered Becket, smashing his head and spreading his brains everywhere. (Poppy Anderson)



Mr Kemp
Head of Department



Mr Lloyd
Head of Geography



Mrs Bannon
Head of Year 7



Ms Blackmore
Classroom Teacher



Mr Lindsay
Classroom Teacher



Mrs O'Neill
Classroom



Mr Owen
Head of Year 7

YEAR 10 HISTORY TRIP

We are looking forward to the first of what will hopefully be an annual GCSE History trip to London. Pupils will visit London on the weekend of 30/31st March to support their study of Crime and Punishment. Highlights of the trip will include a guided Jack the Ripper walk and a visit to London Dungeons. Feedback from the trip will follow in a future newsletter after Easter.



MR LLOYDS CHALLENGE - This year I have given myself one of the biggest challenges of my life and agreed to run the 26.2 miles which is also known as the Virgin London Marathon. My main aim for completing this event is to help raise money and awareness for a charity that endeavours to research and reduce the impact of any kidney related illness: Kidney research UK. This has also impacted the life of a member of my family.

Over the next few weeks, I am hoping to raise money in school by selling some delicious items at break time on a Friday. Each item will cost 50p with which all profits will go to Kidney Research. Please see the link to my fundraising page that will provide you with further information regarding my fundraising. If you are in a situation where you may be able to donate, then this will be very much appreciated. <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AndrewLloyd17>



GEOGRAPHY

With the summer examinations fast approaching, it is important that all pupils start preparing for their 3 Geography papers. Whilst revising is imperative, it is also important to understand different ways to revise Geography. Here are just 3 examples.

<u>Chunk it</u>	<u>3 minute revision</u>	<u>Story</u>
Break each topic in to smaller manageable chunks that you can use to test your memory. Use post-it notes	Remember key facts from a case study or an example during adverts on TV and during the next break get someone to test you.	Create a story using the facts from the information. Make it informative.

If your child is having difficulty, please point them in the direction of either myself (Mr Lloyd), Mrs O'Neill or Mr Owen to arrange a one to one session.

BBC Bitesize AQA GCSE is always a great website to support your revision needs.

Summer examination dates:

Paper 1: 21st May 2019 – Living with the physical environment.

Paper 2: 5th June 2019 – Challenges in the human environment.

Paper 3: 13th June 2019 – Geographical applications